

REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR  
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AUG 21 VIDEOCONFERENCE ON BROWNFIELDS \$\$

Interested in getting a share of brownfields grant and loans? DNR, the Wisconsin Department of Commerce and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are holding a free videoconference on 7 state and federal brownfield grant and loan programs worth \$160 million. The training will be held at 14 locations across the state on August 21, from 8:30 to 12:30. This information is intended to help towns, villages, cities, counties, tribes, non-profits, community development authorities, redevelopment authorities, housing authorities, developers, and trusts find funding to help investigate, clean up, and reuse their brownfield properties. For free on-line registration and additional information, visit our web site at:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/index.htm#change>

If you don't have web access, please call Jessica Milz at 608-267-0559 or Andrew Savagian at 608-261-6422 to register.

REMINDER - SOIL GIS REGISTRY EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1

Changes to NR 700, 714, 722, 726 and 749 that clarify the application of deed restrictions and deed notices to contaminated properties where residual soil contamination remains after case closure become effective August 1, 2002. These changes create a soil geographic information system (GIS) registry on the internet as a means of notifying future owners/users of the property of the existence of residual soil contamination. This will actually be an expansion of the current GIS registry for residual groundwater contamination, so one system will provide both soil and groundwater information. Changes to NR 749 establish a new fee of \$200 for adding soil residuals to the GIS registry. For a site under the jurisdiction of DNR that is requesting closure with both soil and groundwater contamination, the review fee is \$750 for the closure request, plus \$250 for adding groundwater contamination to the registry, plus \$200 for adding soil contamination to the registry. For sites under the jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce that are requesting closure with both soil and groundwater contamination, the fee is \$250 plus \$200. All GIS registry fees are payable to DNR. We will continue to use the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (BRRTS) to confirm payment. BRRTS on the Web is accessible through our RR web main page, using the "Find Sites" button on the upper left.

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/index.htm> Please do the following:

- Make all GIS registry checks payable to "Wisconsin DNR",
- Send the check to "RR Program Assistant" for the appropriate region,
- If a check is sent to DNR for a case under Commerce jurisdiction, attach a copy of the first page of the closure form to the check,
- Include the site name and the BRRTS identification number in the "memo" line of the check.

For more information about the rule please see the 4/02/02 item on our Regulations web page at

[http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/wi\\_regs/index.htm#anchor74198](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/wi_regs/index.htm#anchor74198) In addition, please see our "Guidance for Electronic Submittals for the GIS Registry of Closed Remediation Sites" at

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR690.pdf> The quality of information in the registry is generally better when DNR receives the submittal electronically.

#### WORKPLAN SUBMITTALS TO DNR

Regional staff have found that some consultants are submitting workplans to DNR, as required by NR 716.09, but proceeding immediately with the site investigation prior to receiving feedback on the workplan. In some cases this has resulted in consultants needing to remobilize and collect additional site investigation data. NR 716.09(3) allows DNR to instruct responsible parties (RPs) to proceed with out review of the workplan, and also allows RPs to proceed if they have received no comments from DNR within 60 days. Consultants who have not been advised to proceed and start the site investigation in less than 60 days from submittal of the workplan are proceeding at their clients' risk.

#### MORE ABOUT SENDING UST SITE ASSESSMENTS TO DNR

In the July 3, 2002 "RR News" we advised consultants to send all tank site assessments that are completed after removal of underground storage tanks to our regional offices. To clarify, this applies whether or not contamination has been detected in the soil samples, as per NR 716.11(3). Also, we have a new address for assessments mailed to our Northeast Region. These should be addressed to Cyndi Egtvedt at P. O Box 10448, Green Bay, WI 54307-0448, not at the Lombardi Ave. address that we previously provided.

#### APPLICATIONS DUE AUG. 30 FOR EPA SMART GROWTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

EPA has announced that applications are being accepted for the first national awards for smart growth achievement. This competition is open to local or state governments and other public entities that have successfully created smart growth - development that serves the economy, the community and the environment. Smart growth development includes improved air and water quality, preservation of critical habitat and open space and clean up and re-use of brownfields. Applications may be made in four categories: built projects; policies and regulations; community outreach and education; and overall excellence in smart growth. Interested parties may submit applications for activities undertaken within the last three years. Applications are due August 30, 2002. Five winners will be recognized at a ceremony in Washington, DC on November 19, 2002. For more information and an application visit: <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/awards.htm>

#### NOMINATIONS FOR GREEN BUILDING ON BROWNFIELDS PROJECTS DUE JULY 31

EPA also has announced the Green Building on Brownfields initiative. These awards are available only to communities that have already received an EPA Brownfields grant. Each selected project will receive consultant services valued up to \$15,000 provided through an EPA contractor. EPA expects to select five brownfield communities for help. Assistance could be technical, financial, planning, outreach, and/or design expertise. Green building projects should conserve energy, water and materials, and create healthy indoor and outdoor environments. They can include new residential, commercial, institutional and industrial buildings, or major remodeling of existing buildings. The pilot awards will be used for demonstration and research, and to help EPA gain a better understanding of the barriers to green building. Interested communities should submit a 1 or 2 page proposal, including: applicant name, address, phone, fax, & email; a brief site history including property ownership; the property's stage of assessment/cleanup/redevelopment; green building & redevelopment plans and timeline; size/kind of building; green

characteristics being considered; any certifications being sought (e.g. Energy Star or US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design); stakeholder commitments; and a brief financial plan. Also explain the type of consulting services needed. Attachments may include designs, plans, letters of support, etc. Proposals may be sent by email to Alison Evans at [evans.alison@epa.gov](mailto:evans.alison@epa.gov). You may also visit EPA's green building web page at <http://www.epa.gov/greenbuilding/>.

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